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Whereas the French King pretending the execution of a Defenſive Treaty with the States General of the United Provinces, and thereby determining Us to be the Aggreſſors and Invadors of them (the contrary of which is moſt notoriouſly known to all the World) did on the $\frac{16}{26}$ of January laſt declare War againſt Our Subjects, making himſelf thus the Aggreſſor, and rendering the Peace We have alwayes deſired with the ſaid States more difficult, towards which the French Kings Ambaſſadours never offered either ſatisfaction for paſt Injuries done to Our Subjects, or a fair Regulation of the Commerce for the future; We relying upon the help of GOD Almighty in the Juſtice of Our Cauſe, and being aſſured of the Valour and Affections of Our Subjects in the Defence thereof, have thought fit to Declare, and by theſe preſents do Declare, That We will oppoſe the French King, and vigorouſly proſecute this War which he hath ſo unjuſtly begun, with the utmoſt of Our Forces by Sea and Land, in the maintenance and defence of our Subjects, enjoyning hereby Our moſt

moſt dear and entirely beloved Brother Our High Admiral, and Our Right Truſty and Right entirely beloved Coſen and Councellour George Duke of Albemarle, General of our Forces by Land, Our Lieutenants of the ſeveral Counties, and all other Officers and Souldiers under them both by Sea and Land, to oppoſe all attempts of the French King or his Subjects, and to do and execute all Acts of Hoſtility in the proſecution of this War againſt the French King, his Vaſſals and Subjects; Willing and requiring all Our Subjects to take notice of the ſame, whom We henceforth ſtreightly forbid upon pain of Death, to hold any Correſpondence or Communication with the ſaid French King or his Subjects (thoſe onely excepted who are neceſſitated thereunto for the withdrawing their Perſons and Eſtates out of France.) And becauſe there are remaining in Our Kingdoms many Subjects of the French King, and likewiſe of the States General of the United Provinces; We do declare and give Our Royal Word, That all ſuch of the French or the Dutch Nation, as ſhall demean themſelves dutifully towards Us, and not correſpond with Our Enemies, ſhall be ſafe in their Perſons and Eſtates, and free from all moleſtation and trouble of any kind. And further, We do declare, That if any of the French or Low-countrey Subjects, either out of affection to Us or Our Government, or becauſe of the oppreſſion they meet with at home, ſhall come into Our Kingdoms, they ſhall be by Us protected in their Perſons and Eſtates, and eſpecially thoſe of the Reformed Religion, whoſe intereſt ſhall ever be moſt particularly owned by Us.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, the ninth day of *February*, in the eighteenth year of Our Reign, 1666.

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